

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2004, in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Robert Fuselier
Bob Gates
Tom Ricotta
Ginna Reyes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hugh Lyttelton
Howard Williams

Members present did represent a quorum.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Floyd Best
Olivier Bracket
Dee Dee Phillips
Tim Caulder
Larry Watt

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the month of August 2004 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Finnila announced that on Monday, September 20th at 7PM the State of the City Video would be presented in the Ruby Schuman Auditorium next to the Dove library. The topic this year is the City in Transition. The video will focus on issues like water, traffic, housing and redevelopment change the demographics and what Carlsbad will look at in the future years to come now that the city is almost at its build out time.

The 2nd major Art Splash will be held next weekend on Armada, between Palomar Airport Road and Cannon Road. The Art Splash will be held Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th from 10AM to 5PM.

CUSTOMS PRESENTATION

Mr. Caulder presented a program available involving the federal government, the County of San Diego and the City of Carlsbad, as well as several of the lessees located on the airport. This program is made available through the Customs and Border Protection Agency, it allows a facility such as McClellan-Palomar Airport to apply and implement a program that will save the user's of Palomar Airport valuable time. The size and weight of the aircraft entering the airport will be the basis of the cost. A User Fee Airport (UFA) is different from a Port of Entry (POE) in that P.O.E's. do not require a fee. The fees provide a small airport that has been approved by the Commissioner of the Customs and Border Protection Agency to receive services of a CBP officer for the processing of aircraft, passengers and cargo entering the United States. Essentially the same services of other P.O.E.'s but with a fee. Several Fixed Based Operators (FBO's) on the airport are in discussion with the County on ways to finance the start-up costs. This program is still in the early stages of the approval process.

REVIEW OF PAC, LLC. DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Ms. Finnila stated that there is no reason for the committee to weigh in on the item. County staff will not and cannot comment due to pending litigation. It is not the role of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee to take action on items that are under litigation. Mr. Fuselier stated the motion for the record.

Members of the committee voted on the motion. Six members voted against the motion: Christensen, John; Collins, Chuck; Finnila, Ramona; Gates, Bob; Hutter, Tim; Reyes, Ginna. Two members voted for the motion: Fuselier, Bob and Ricotta, Tom. Two members were not in attendance: Lyttelton, Hugh and Williams, Howard. The motion died.

PART 150 PRESENTATION BY URS

Mr. Fuller gave a brief overview of the Part 150 Study. The Noise Exposure Map report was submitted to the FAA on September 13. The FAA has requested a sixty day review period. All statements received regarding noise and flight issues will be documented in the final report.

A community member representing several home owners associations and several residents living in the community spoke of the concerns she and her group have regarding the airport issues. The spokesperson emphasized a positive relationship between the airport and the community so that both may coexist. The Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures (VNAP) if adhered to would alleviate some of the issues.

A community pilot briefly spoke and stated that he felt that the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) tightly controlled and monitored the area. Deviations from the VNAP directed by the ATCT were necessary at the time based on the weather and air traffic.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ISSUES

Mr. Brackett reported monthly operations for August were 18,369, bringing the total number year to date 144,273. Air carrier enplanements 4,852. Annual air carrier enplanements year to date 35,780. The local transient traffic breakdown for the month of August was 5,257, itinerant, 13,112. IFR traffic 5,439 and VFR traffic 12,930.

Noise concerns for the month of August, 112 calls. The number year to date 793. Ratio of concerns to operations for the month of August, 1 call;164 operations. The majority of calls during the month of August were south/west from the airport. 8 concerns were from the south/east. 84 of the calls concerned jet operations, 12 for propeller operations, 10 for helicopter operations and 6 unknown aircraft type. 18 of the concerns were for operations between 0700-1700. There were 9 concerns for operations between 1700-2200 and there were 85 concerns for operations between 2200-0700.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Drinkwater briefly spoke on the concerns from the public regarding Palomar Airport Center (PAC, LLC.). He also reiterated Scenic Airlines desire to operate from CRQ to Las Vegas. It would be a favorable service for the community. There is still not an estimated time for operations to begin.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Best stated that the new long term parking lot on Owens Ave. is fully operational. Work for facilities for the temporary restaurant is underway. The North side storm water project is in review. The City of Carlsbad waterline along the Magellan leasehold and access road has been completed. It will greatly benefit both the City and the airport.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 2004

Meeting will be held at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, located at 1635 Faraday, Carlsbad, CA.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Reyes stated that Western Flight would be holding it's annual Flu Shot Services Wednesday, October 20, 2004 beginning at 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. in their lobby.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Ramona Finnila, Chairperson